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Miss Motley County

Mika Warren, Hollis, OK (center) was crowned Miss Motley County at Saturday night's pageant held at the school gym. Kimberly Garza, (second from right) of Floydada, was named first runner up, and Amanda Hurt, (left), Motley County High School Senior, was named second runner up. Jessica Ramos of Childress, (far right) received the Miss Congeniality title, which is chosen by other contestants in Division IV. The pageant, previously sponsored by the school's theatre arts department, is now sponsored by the Motley County PTO, as one of the organizations fund-raisers to help with school events. There were 40 girls entered in the pageant. Amanda is the daughter of Kate and Tommy Hurt of Matador. See more pictures on page 3.

Motley County School Board meets

New policies, contracts, finances discussed

by Tina Brooks
Board Reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met February 9 in a regular meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Pat Smith. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Kayla Guest, Kitty Campbell, Emily Hurt, Jan Jones, and Kathy Gillespie.

Mr. Copp gave the invocation. Mrs. Jones informed the board of the Job Shadowing Activity that the Junior class participated in. This activity involves high school students from all areas a chance to see what a profession is like first hand. This goes in line with the Career and Technology at Motley County.

Several students attended the board meeting to tell of their experience with their job. Kitten Campbell went to Texas Tech Theatre and Dance, Emily Hurt participated in job shadowing at Covenant in Plainview, Sabrina Osborn was at South West Regional Medical Center, and Mat Henzler was at One Stop Auto in Wolfforth. The student representatives all agreed it was a worthwhile experience and they enjoyed it very much.

Board sign-up dates are set for February 14 - March 15, 2004. Places open are currently held

by Shonda Elliott and Les Woolsey, three-year terms, and David Stafford, a two-year term. Mr. Copp informed the board of the 2004-05 football/basketball realignment.

There will be a board training at the Region 17 Service Center in Lubbock, February 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Copp attended a mid-winter finance seminar. Seven segments of finance were discussed. A consensus from the Legislative still needs to be met. The board received a letter from Mrs. Hays resigning her position at the end of the year. Mrs. Hays has been a longtime employee at Motley County ISD and she will be missed.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read, reviewed and approved. The list of expenditures was reviewed and accepted.

School Board election was set for May 15, 2004.

There has been a freeze on all unnecessary spending due to miscalculations in the audit. A consideration to change the auditor was discussed. Brooks made a motion that this matter be further discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Stafford and carried.

Mrs. Hicks presented cheerleading contracts. There will be a few changes for the 2004 tryouts. Tryouts will be closed to everyone except outside judges. Candidates will be scored on communication skills, sharpness, group technique, dance, jumps and gymnastics. Candidates must hold at least a 2.5 grade point average. This will be 94% of the vote. A student recommendation vote will make up the other 6% of the 100 total points that can be attained. Board approved the changes.

Drug testing policy of the students was discussed. The board

would like to hear how the community feels about this. Surveys will be sent home with students at a later time.

Board member Pat Smith joined the meeting at this time.

The Board entered into executive session. Out of executive session motion by Elliott, seconded by Brooks to give Principal Marilyn Hicks a one-year contract. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Davey for Coach Richard Cooper to remain the Motley County Athletic director with a one-year contract. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended to the board to hire Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert, and Moss for the 2004-2005 auditor. After board discussion, motion was made by Elliott, seconded by Woolsey to obtain a proposal from Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss. Motion carried 7/0.

A called meeting was set for February 17 to discuss finances.



Snow covered scene

This snow covered scene near the historic Motley County Jail depicts the peaceful, snowy blanket which covered most of the county Saturday morning. Some areas reported 3-4 inches of snowfall on Valentine's Day, February 14, to top off a week-long cold spell with temperatures dropping below 12°. The beautiful white flakes fell most of Friday night, but had melted by Saturday night. The moisture was very welcomed by Motley County residents after enduring drought for months, and receiving only minimum rainfall recently. As always in this part of our beautiful country, the temperatures changed drastically this week, with the weatherman predicting Spring-like 70+ degree temperatures.

Matador City Council meets

The Matador City Council met in regular session Thursday, February 12. Attending the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem Shane Jones, Council members Jim Watson, Bert Darsey, City Secretary Lara Davey and Water Superintendent Steve Barton.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Jones.

No one was present for open forum.

Minutes were read from the January meetings and accepted as read.

A list of expenditures was presented and approved for payment.

Due to weather, SPAG (South Plains Association of Governments) was unable to attend. A special meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks to discuss upcoming grants.

With a unanimous vote, the Matador Housing Authority Board of Directors were reappointed with the following serving: Ronda Miller, Chuck Ream, Pete Gonzales, Jessie Mae Brown, and Brenda Osborn.

Shane Jones ordered an election for two council seats and one Mayor to take place on May 15, 2004.

A positive employee evaluation for Crawford Mason was

presented to Council by Steve Barton. Shane Jones also presented council with an employee evaluation for Steve Barton. Pay increases will be considered for the next fiscal year.

Shane Jones advised council that she had been approached about several lots that the City owns, to consider for sale. A complete list with description will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

A brief budget review and financial summary was made by Jim Watson and Shane Jones.

Steve Barton addressed Council in his Water Superintendent report. He advised Council about the Fog Seal project that will improve the city streets and should begin the end of this month. He also suggested that the City maintain the mowing and maintenance for the Beautification Project east of town. This will save the City money and will not be a burden for the City employees to maintain. Also discussed was the Water usage for Roaring Springs, and the charges for water back up and usage.



Mother & Daughter of the Year

Sherry and Shea Rose were named Mother and Daughter of the Year at the 64th Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet held Monday night. This year's event, sponsored by the Eternas Jr. Study Club, featured a Hawaiian theme and entertainment including Karaoke. Shea is a member of the Motley County class of 2004.

by Amanda Hurt

The mighty Maverick men had an awesome season this year by not losing one single game. This article is an update from my last Jr. High basketball article.

The Mavericks played Spur on January 26 and defeated the Bulldogs 47-38. Isaiah Archer was lead scorer with 19 points.

Bradley Brown wasn't far behind with 17. Stacey Perryman put in 6, while Andrew Martin and Alec Dodson each added 2 to the score.

The Mavericks went up against Silverton February 5. The guys sailed away with the win, 46-22. Leading in scoring was Isaiah Archer with 20 points. Bradley Brown put in 16. Andrew Martin added 4, and

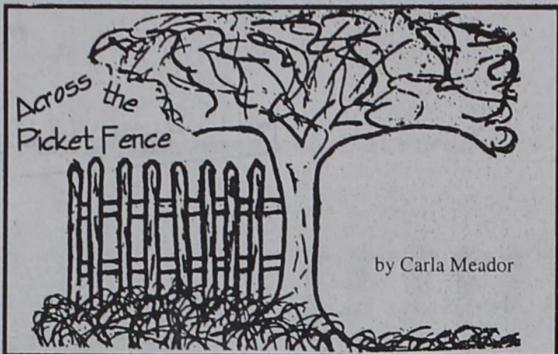
Alec Dodson, Eric Simpson and Casey Fletcher each added 2 to the score.

The Mavericks' last game of the season was against Patton Springs, February 9. With an ending score of 30-12 the Mavericks had a big win. Bradley Brown led in scoring with 18 points. Isaiah Archer added 6, Corey Durham, Sam Fletcher and Stacy Perryman put in 2

each. Although the Lady Mavericks were not undefeated, they had a very good season. The Lady Mavs played Spur on January 26 and defeated the Spurrettes 43-25. Lead scorer was Melissa Flores with 17 points, Christy Smith put in 13, Shane'a Russell 6, Kortney Williams 4.

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Motley County Mavericks end basketball season undefeated



I think we are all guilty of this one. You know, when you absolutely know you are right and that someone else is in the wrong, only to find out that you actually were the wrong one and then you feel like a fool. Know that feeling? The woman in this story experienced that very thing.

The Cookie Thief

The woman arrived at an airport one night with several long hours before her flight.

She hunted for a book in the airport shop, bought a bag of cookies, and found a place to drop. She was engrossed in her book, but happened to see that the man sitting beside her, as bold as could be, grabbed a cookie or two from the bag in between, which she tried to ignore to avoid a scene.

So she munched the cookies and watched the clock, as the gusty cookie thief diminished her stock.

She was getting more irritated as the minutes ticked by, thinking, "If I wasn't so nice, I would blacken his eye."

With each cookie she took, he took one too. When only one was left, she wondered what he

would do. With a smile on his face, and a nervous laugh, he took the last cookie and broke it in half. He offered her half, as he ate the other. She snatched it from him and thought ooh, brother! This guy has some nerve and he's also rude. Why he didn't even show any gratitude! She had never known when she had been so galled, and sighed with relief when her flight was called.

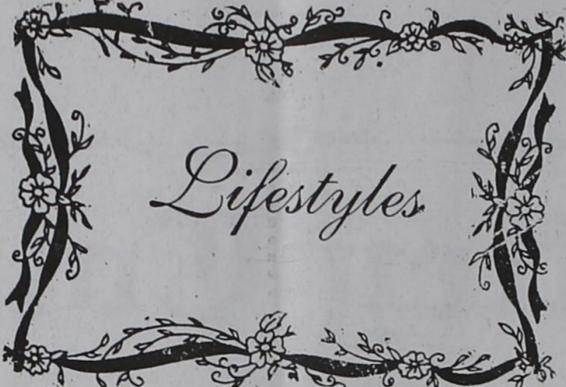
She gathered her belongings and headed to the gate, refusing to look back at the thieving ingrate. She boarded the plane, and sank in her seat, then she sought her book, which was almost complete.

As she reached in her baggage, she gasped with surprise, there was her bag of cookies, in front of her eyes.

If mine are here, she moaned in despair, the others were his, and he tried to share.

Too late to apologize, she realized with grief, that she was the rude one, the ingrate, the thief!

Keep an open mind and an open heart, because you just never know ... you might be eating someone else's cookies!



CDs become artwork at recent Arts & Crafts club meeting

by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met February 2 for its stated meeting at the Senior Center. It was a program to please anyone, who enjoys painting. The members used acrylic paint on C.D. discs using angels, flowers, small children for patterns.

Joy Archer was instructor for this most enjoyable workshop. The results were outstanding. The study was well planned and presented. Everyone was pleased with the lovely ornament to take home.

The members welcomed Donaldta Letkeman, our Canadian member, who has returned from Manitoba, to be in Matador for a few weeks. All are happy they have property here.

Donalda will give the March program. It will be a Surprise by Donalda.

Loys Campbell presided over a business meeting. Plans were made for April. The club will be out of town and will tour "The Kenneth Young Studio" in downtown Roaring Springs and will lunch at the Traveler's Inn.

The members dined with the Senior Citizens at noon and enjoyed a hearty luncheon of Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, salad and cinnamon rolls. It was a good time even if the Groundhog did see his shadow.

Members present were Loys Campbell, Joy Archer, Vee Gordon, Judy Hemm, Dorothy Day, Grace Garrison, Dorothy Knight, Lorene Lancaster, Donaldta Letkeman, Nova Dale Turner and Winifred Darsey.



Bert Darsey & LeighAnne Nielsen

Marriage plans announced

Jerry Allen and Kellye Payne of Quitaque would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie LeighAnne Nielsen, to Mr. Robert Thomas Darsey III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas Darsey, Jr. of Matador.

LeighAnne is a 2003 graduate of Valley High School and is currently attending Clarendon College, majoring in Agriculture Education.

Bert is a 1997 graduate of Motley County High School and is a owner/partner with South Plains Contracting. He is also a City Councilman for the City of Matador.

The couple plans a May 15 wedding in Quitaque at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Stark.

Look Who's New



Anjoli Rayne Ross

Little Anjoli Rayne Ross arrived six weeks early, at 11:38 p.m., February 2, 2004, at Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio. She weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 17 inches long.

Her parents are Tom P. and Christine Ross of Castroville.

Her four sisters, Aleda Elaine, Megan, Cheyenne and Ciara, welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Tom and Aleda Ross of Flomot and Edward and Sharon Davis of Castroville.

Library Notes
by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

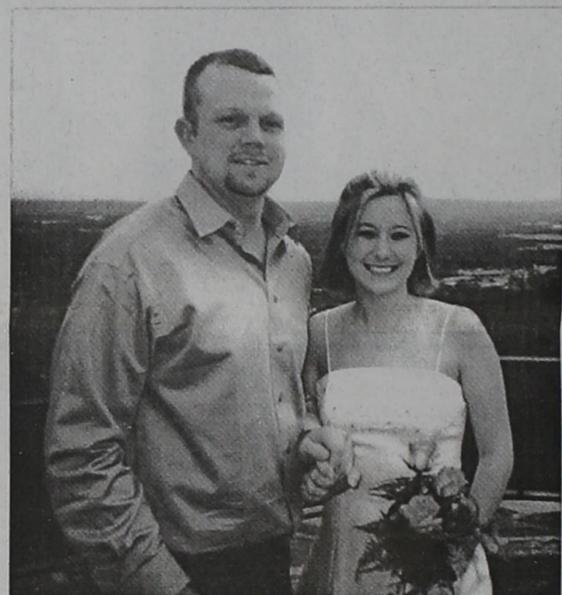
New books in the library include Blinded by Stephen White and Hate Crime by William Bernhardt. The library also has John Grisham's newest, Last Juror.

We appreciate the donations that the library received this week. We thank Ruby and D.A. McGuire for their donations in memory of Kenneth Campbell, Luther Green, Tom Adams, and Joe Bruce King. We also thank Jo Scott for her donation in memory of Marty Fletcher. We appreciate the donation sent by Key Vaughn in memory of Marty Fletcher. We thank Judy and Butch Renfro for their donation in memory of Jake Edwards.

An enthusiastic group braved the cold last Thursday night to hear Marie-Louise

Liebe-Harkort make money and investing simpler for all of us. We enjoyed her presentation very much and learned a lot. Now, if we just had some money! Those attending were Joanie Stephens, Fredia Burns, Betty Henry, Betty Moore, Marisue Potts, Norma Marrs, Jeanette Case, Harvey Case, Marihelen Wason, Sammie Phillips, Barbara Armstrong, Sandra Francis, and Suzanne Abbott.

The next event at the library will be a book discussion led by Fredia Burns. The featured book will be And the Shofar Blew by Francine Rivers. This program will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26. Everyone is invited to attend whether or not you have read the book.



Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Grundy

Wedding Vows exchanged at mountain top ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. David Brazzel of Taylor, Arkansas and Mr. and Mrs. Gary McAdams of Magnolia, Arkansas are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Brittany McAdams to Dayton Grundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grundy of Matador and Mary Lou Grundy of Floydada.

The couple exchanged vows in a mountain top ceremony, held at dusk January 31, 2004, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

They will make their home in Taylor, Arkansas and both attend Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Dayton is the grandson of local residents, L.B. and Lucretia Campbell, and Roy Grundy of Quitaque, and Dovie Ellis of Paducah.

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I read an interesting story in an article by my friend, David Nestor, concerning Bible knowledge. It seems there was a Haifa policeman who was on the trail of a gang of smugglers. These smugglers had used a donkey pack string to make good their escape from the authorities. In the process of escaping the police captured some of the gang's donkeys. One policeman remembering something he had read in the Bible, kept the animals from food for a couple of days. Upon their release those hungry Donkeys led the police right to the smuggler's hideout! What the policeman remembered was found in Isaiah 1:3 "...the ox knows its owner, and the donkey his master's crib."

Why not open God's word and there discover God's will for your self? Our God never intended for His Word to be only a centerpiece or decoration for some coffee table or bookshelf. God intended for His people to have a working knowledge of the Bible. Open the Bible, read, and be ready to follow the directions found there.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

First Baptist Church to host Ladies' Luncheon

Connie Johnson of South Plains will lead the study, "A Virtuous Woman: A Legacy Worth Leaving" at a ladies' luncheon at First Baptist Church, Matador, at 12:00 noon, Saturday, February 28. Several other women from the area will assist with the presentation, including special music.

The study is based on Proverbs 31:10: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Several area churches have previously hosted this presentation, and comments have been enthusiastic and positive.

Mrs. Johnson and her husband, Nathan, have lived in South Plains for nearly 30 years and are members of South Plains Baptist Church.

"God has taken just a regular wife and mother and is beginning to use me in a way I would never have gone on my own. It has taken Him 50 years

to get me ready to give His message as a speaker and He still has a long way to go with me," she states. "My main objective is to glorify Him and in doing so encourage women."

All women of the area are invited to attend this event and to bring their friends. The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

Individuals are not required to pre-register, but groups are asked to notify the church before Thursday, February 26, in order to provide adequate seating. To register or to receive more information call Lana Copp (347-2425) or Dixie Campbell (347-2893).

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THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Parents of perspective cheerleaders must attend March 1st meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting on Monday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria for the parent(s) of any students who will be trying out for Jr. High/High School Cheerleader or Mascot. If the parent(s) or

guardian(s) do not attend, the student will not be allowed to try out.

For further information contact Marilynn Hicks, School Principal, at 347-2676.



JR. MISS, Division III — Charity Pennington, (center), Jr. Miss, Hollis, OK; Shane'a Russell, (right), first runner up, Matador; Cassandra Gonzales, second runner up, Childress.



LITTLE MISS, Division II — Alexis Holbert, (center), Little Miss, Floydada; Kelsie Williams, first runner up, Hollis, OK; Tristan Chancey, second runner up, Abernathy.

School Menu

MONDAY, FEB. 23
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, 1/2 Apple, Cookie, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25
Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecued Ribs, Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Bread Slice, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.
Lunch: Hot Dog or Chili Dog, Baked Beans, Pickle Slice, Fruit Fluff, Milk.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Milk: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

Mavericks undefeated

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The Ladies also won their next game against Silvertown, 41-15. Leading in scoring was Christy Smith with 15 points. Melissa Flores added 11, Mylissa Gilmore and Shane'a Russell each put in 4, Crystal Saenz, Karrie Valdez and Kayla Hollinsworth put in 2 each and Kortney Williams added 1.

In their last game of the season, the Lady Mavs were defeated by Patton Springs, 38-26. Leading in scoring was Melissa Flores with 13 points. Christy Smith added 6, Kortney Williams 3, Shane'a Russell and Crystal Saenz each put in 2.

Congratulations to both teams on a great season!

South Plains College announces scholarship application deadline

March 1 is application deadline for 2004-2005 scholarships to South Plains College.

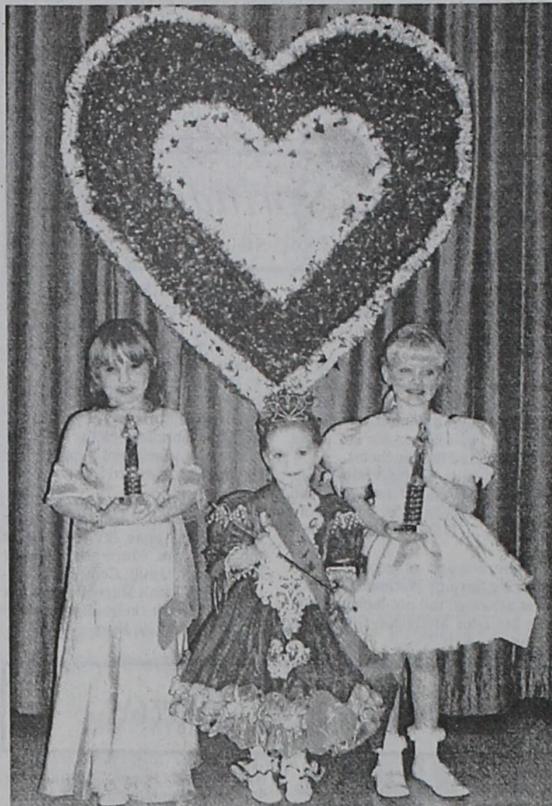
The college offers college-wide scholarships and program specific scholarships, nontraditional student scholarships and activity scholarships. Deadline for activity scholarships is the first week of school.

Students should complete the scholarship application, provide a copy of their high school and or college transcripts and submit ACT or SAT scores (ACT preferred). Most scholarships require full-time enrollment while some are open to students enrolled in a minimum of six semester hours.

"We encourage current and prospective students to apply. The college offers numerous scholarships in a variety of areas, made possible by the generosity of individual donors, corporations, foundations, clubs and organizations," said Russell Hall, director of development.

The scholarship programs are administered by the SPC Foundation and are generally awarded on the basis of academic achievement, character and leadership qualities.

A scholarship application is included in the 2004-2005 scholarship guide and available online at www.southplainscollege.edu/scholarships. Completed applications and all supporting materials should be submitted by March 1 to the Scholarship Coordinator, South Plains College, 1401 S. College Avenue, Levelland, TX, 79336.



TINY MISS, Division I — Averi Patterson, (center) Tiny Miss, Paducah; Natalie Jameson, (right), first runner up, Matador; and Rebekah Hastings, second runner up, Hale Center.

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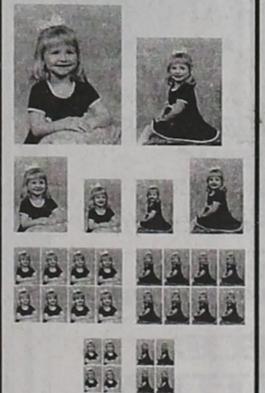
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News Around the County

Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director



Never have decided how I need to start off on this column. As usual I'm running about an hour or two late and four or two dollars short. We have had lots of people helping out the Senior Citizens Center and we are most grateful. Going to start with donations that have come into the Center. Dave Moore made a donation in honor of his grandmother, Bertha Moore. C.D. and Evelyn Garrison, Grace Campbell, Ronnie and Karen Davis, Jack and Katie Davis, Stan and Dorothy Hanesworth, Clay Jameson, Ronnie Vandiver, David Boykin, Shane Taylor, Jackie Smith, Glenda Williams, Naomi Lawrence, Debra Scott, Jeannie Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Stephen Smith, Bobby Jo Witcher, Judy Renfro, Bob Davis, David Whitaker, Elaine Hart, Jeannie Moore, Crawford Mason, Gerald Pipkin, Monta Marshall, Lee Browning, Ruth Stone, Jack Boggs, Barbara Armstrong, Jo Boggs and Dixie Campbell have all made donations to the Center and we appreciate it very much. Virginia Nunn donated a big bottle of vanilla. Thank you all!

Jones, Louise Barton, Betty and Billy Paul Simpson, Fellowship Class First Baptist Church, Wade and Nell Berryman, Geneva Wilson, L.V. Damron, Pete and Bessie Jean Williams, Rita Groves, Sharlene and Billy George Drennan, Richard and Karen Stapp, Mike and Renee Fosdick, Norma Marrs, Leo and Wanda Faulkner, Ken and Dot Jones, Paul and Dortha Westbrook, Marisue Potts and Ralph Powell, Pansy Spray, Joel Dean and Debra Spray, Bob and Pat Forbis, Gordon Gilmore, Leo and Joyce Archer, Dickens Lions Club, El Progresso Club, John and Dixie Cornett, E.A. and Dorothy Day, Carolyn

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Winsome Sunday School, Leona and Ellis Terry and Roy and Frances Hobbs gave donations in memory of Jake Edwards.

What can I say except thank you for your donations and memorials and support of the Center.

Don't forget about the exercise on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We need to get the armchair exercise going again. Just got off the phone with Judy and we were talking about golf - this would be a good way to get in shape for it. See ya' at the Center.

Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited from Friday until Sunday in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ollie Gray. Visiting Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Kleibrink of Clifton. Mrs. Ruth Lee accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Teresa Lee of Turkey to Lubbock, Thursday for a medical appointment. Chrisiti and Dwain Milam and daughters, Haley and Emily visited Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Emily and Haley remained to visit as their parents continued to Lubbock for Dwain to attend a Coaches Seminar held Friday and Saturday. They visited Saturday night and returned to Petrolia Sunday.

Brian Sehon, son of Keri and Kevon Sehon of Ropesville, visited Saturday night and Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shorter. Judy and Lynn Stark visited at their home here from Friday until Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Stark are house parents at Girls Town in Whiteface for six days and then have three days off. Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart visited the weekend with sister and husband, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay. She was here to attend the baby shower given for Mr. and Mrs. Clay's daughter, Mrs. Julie Edwards and son, Jaxon Saturday afternoon in Turkey.

Memorials made in memory of Luther Green are from E.A. and Dorothy Day, Ellis and Leona Terry, John and Christine Briscoe, Don and Pat Warren, Vann and Sondra Frances, Jack and Katie Davis, Wade and Nell Berryman, Carolyn Ewing, Joel and Debra Spray and Joe and Loys Campbell. Winifred Darsey made a memorial in memory of Ken Campbell, and Lorene Lancaster in memory of Lorina Moore. Memorials made in memory of Kathryn Martin have been from Wilma Hare and Laverna Price Johnson. Memorials in memory of Jerry Watson have been from Ellis and Leona Terry, Mary

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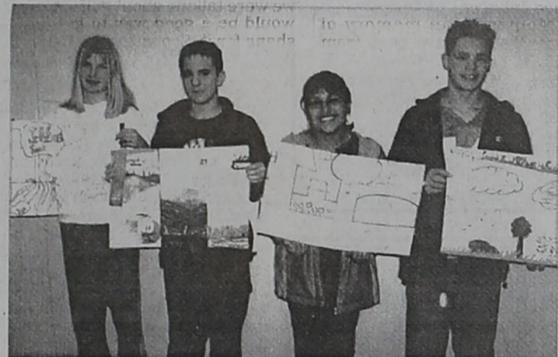
MOTLEY COUNTY ELEMENTARY students in third through 6th grade recently participated in a Conservation Poster Contest sponsored by the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District. The themes for the 2004 Poster Contest were "Food for the Future" and "The Living Soil." The students received their blank poster boards on January 12 and the finished posters were turned in to the Upper Pease SWCD, February 4 for judging. The posters were judged upon creativity and if the student used one of the themes. Third grade winners, pictured above left to right, are Britt Simpson, first; Taylor Tomlinson, second; and Juan Flores, third.



FOURTH GRADE winners, left to right, Christian Brooks, first; Reagan Elliott, second; Kegan Kautz, third; and Marty Walker, fourth.



FIFTH GRADE winners, left to right, Anna Moctezuma (not pictured), first place; LeAnne Jameson, second; Sarah Ferguson, third; and Kayla Simpson, fourth.



SIXTH GRADE winners, left to right, Kortney Williams, first; Cory Durham, second; Courtney Moctezuma, third; and Eric Simpson, fourth. The Upper Pease SWCD sent three first place posters, created by Britt Simpson, Anna Moctezuma and Kortney Williams, to be judged in the area competition, covering 51 counties in the Texas Panhandle. The Upper Pease SWCD and the NRCS extends their Good Luck wishes!

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



BIOLOGICAL CLOCKS WAKE UP PLANTS
USDA scientists found that plants have timers which prepare them for their daily activities. They are located in the nuclei of plant cells and contains a protein called D1, which is critical to photosynthesis.

D1 combined with phosphorus, gives the plant a bio-timing signal that helps it adjust metabolism to face the day's brightest light. Some herbicides can block the accumulation of phosphorus and D1. Experiments were conducted at different times and climates, and the alarm almost always goes off a few hours before noon. CONTACT: David Elstein, (306) 504-1654, delstein@ars.usda.gov.

NEW SOYBEAN PROMISES HEALTHIER SOY OIL
A new soybean could promote healthy hearts. This bean could rival olive oil, which is high in oleic acid and has been associated with a lower risk of heart disease. Oil from the new soybean has less than half of the polyunsaturated fatty acids, or PFA's, of today's commercial soy oils. The new line's low PFA levels would also prevent oxidizing longer than other soybean oils.

DON'T GIVE UP ON COTTON AFTER HAIL STORM
Cotton crops may still recover after a hail storm. Extension specialists suggest producers carefully assess hail damage. Give your cotton time to recover after being damaged. If a stand has at least one and one-half healthy plants per row foot, it could still make acceptable

yields given good growing conditions. If you must replant, plant crops such as grain sorghum, soybeans, or sesame. But, before you plant a new crop, be sure and consult the label of any cotton herbicides you may have applied; some of these can harm other crops.

RECENT RAIN HAS HELPED SOME WHEAT PRODUCERS
Showers through out the state have brought relief to some wheat producers. Almost 6 million acres of wheat are planted each year in Texas, with half being used for winter pasture. Producers in the Gulf Coast region have had near-ideal growing conditions so far. However, the northern and eastern parts of the state have been dry. The recent rain has offered some relief, but producers are still planning on feeding hay a month longer than usual. CONTACT: Dr. Larry Redmon, (903) 834-6191, l-redmon@tamu.edu.

REMINDER TO PRODUCERS: SOME WHEAT VARIETIES ARE PROTECTED
Keeping back some of a crops production for planting the following year is standard practice with many farmers. However, the Plant Variety Protection Act is being more strictly enforced, thanks to the use of DNA plant testing. The law says farmers may save a limited amount of a protected seed variety for planting. But, selling or giving a protected seed to anyone, without the permission of the variety owner, is illegal. It is a federal offense and can carry fines of up to \$35,000. Producers should consult their seed provider for further details.

NRCS announces incentive program sign-up

NRCS announces applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will be taken starting the week of February 23rd.

EQIP is an incentive program designed to promote conservation concerns identified by a local workgroup. The local work group determined the resource concerns for this year are Erosion Control and Planet Health-Brush Encroachment. Limited resources farmers/ranchers and beginning farmers/ranchers also were identified and have the opportunity to sign-up.

Erosion control will focus on converting existing cropland to grass. Cropland that is qualified to be converted is land that is currently used to produce an annual crop. Practices that are eligible under Erosion Control are range seeding or pasture planting.

Plant Health - Brush Encroachment is the other resource concern that the local work group identified. Eligible practices under brush encroachment are mechanical brush control (power grubbing, chaining) raking, range seeding, pasture planting, and chemical control (aerial and IPT).

Applications will be taken beginning the week of February 23rd and will continue through April 16. It will be helpful if you make an appointment by calling the NRCS office. Please don't wait until the end of the sign-up period. The phone number is 806-347-2263 ext. 3. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

MOTLEY COUNTY POLITICAL CALENDAR

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MOTLEY COUNTY
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Monitoring Violation (TCR 25 & 26)

Each month Flomot Water Supply Water System, ID # 1730003, is required to submit water samples for bacteriological testing. The samples submitted during January, 2004, contained coliform bacteria. The presence of coliform bacteria indicates a potential problem with the water treatment system or the pipes that distribute the treated water. Whenever coliform is found in a routine sample, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires a collection of a specific number of repeat samples to help determine whether or not there is a problem. These repeat samples were not collected.

The failure to collect any or all of these repeat samples is a monitoring violation and Flomot is required to notify the public of this violation. If you have questions regarding this violation, you may contact Donnie Turner at 806-469-5337 or Seab Washington at 806-469-5278.

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Urgent news for people who have used **WELDING RODS**

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NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION
The City of Roaring Springs will hold a City Council Election on May 15, 2004. Applications will be accepted to fill (1) 2 year term for Mayor, and 2 (2) year terms for Council Member February 14, 2004, will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 15, 2004, is the last day for accepting applications. Applications may be obtained and filled out at Roaring Springs City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be conducted at the Roaring Springs City Hall, at 10 o'clock on Friday, March 19, 2004.

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MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Applications for a place on the ballot of the Motley County Independent School District Board of Trustee Election may be obtained from the Motley County ISD Superintendent's Office. The Election will be held on May 15, 2004. Two positions of three year terms and one position of a two year term are to be filled on the Motley County ISD School Board.

The Superintendent's office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The sign-up period will begin February 14, 2004, at 8:00 a.m. and end March 15, 2004, at 5:00 p.m.

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MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION
The Motley County Hospital District will hold an election on May 15, 2004. Applications will be accepted for (3) three members for the board of directors for a (2) two-year term. Applications for director position may be obtained between February 14, 2004, and March 15, 2004, from Dianne Washington, CPA at 710 Bailey, Matador, Texas 79244, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The sign-up period will end March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

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NOTICE
The City of Matador will be Fog Sealing some City streets with the assistance of TxDOT. Drivers should not drive over streets if barricaded.

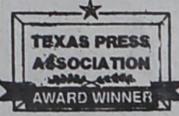
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CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Childress

Contract 0925-16-005 for REPLACE BRIDGE & APPROACHES in KING County, etc. will be opened on March 10, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 12321

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
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Dist./Div. Office(s)

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District Engineer
7599 U.S. 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705
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Contract 6110-26-001 for TYPE II FULL WIDTH MOWING in MOTLEY County will be opened on March 25, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$42,484.00.

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